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PICTURE QUALITY ADJUSTMENT APPARATUS

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

Before the issuance of the first Office Action, please amend the above-identified
application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claim 7 as follow:

7. (Amended) A video outputting apparatus, comprising a picture quality adjustment
apparatus according to claim 4 as a video processing section.

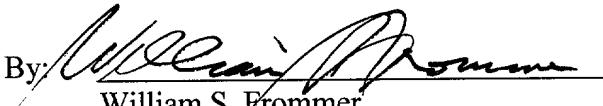
REMARKS

Claims 1-8 remain in the application. Claim 7 has been amended to eliminate multiple dependencies. Attached hereto is a marked up version of the changes made to claim 7 by the current amendment. The attached page is captioned "**Version with markings to show changes made.**" The filing fee has been calculated based upon these amendments to the claims.

Respectfully submitted,

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VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

In the claims:

7. (Amended) A video outputting apparatus, comprising a picture quality adjustment apparatus according to any one of claims 1 to 3 or a picture quality adjustment apparatus according to any one of claims 4 to 6 claim 4 as a video processing section.